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ROCKBEARE HOUSE,

NEAR EXETER.

Dear Professor Watson

You have already
taken so much trouble about the
"Mosses of North America" that I am
quite ashamed to worry you again
with the subject.

After receiving your letter of Dec. 24th
I supposed the subject was settled,
& I had no communication with Brad-
ley Whidden: I was never dissatisfied
with the sale of the book, nor made any
complaint, either to Basins or Whidden.
If the accounts of sales was not sent
to me in Jan. & July I wrote for it, &
have always received them -
It is evident that Whidden was dis-
appointed by the small sale of the work
& has wanted to be rid of it, but I sup-

your business' contract holds good with
the present owner, & I was surprised
yesterday to receive the enclosed
letter. I certainly cannot buy the
plates & stock, & what - could I do with
them? It seems to me that the Pub-
lishers have been recompensed for their
outlay by the copies sold, whereas I
have received nothing. According to
the contract when 750 copies were sold
I was to receive a royalty on each copy.
if it would be necessary for you to see
the contract my son L. B. James
1332 Washington Avenue, Philadel-
phia, could obtain it for you from the
Gladstone Life & Trust Co. - where it is among
my papers.

Can you give me any advice upon the
subject? now that Dr. Searcy has gone
you are the only one left for me to ap-
peal to, & I rely upon your former
kindness to help me now.

In regard to my late husband's collection of MSS., I have
consulted my children, & they are willing to do the best of it to the
University, if a scholar like the Harkness, is able to pay for it.
I should like to have it when it could be worked to your & other
students of MSS.

Will you give my best love to Mrs. May, & tell her that I
often think of her, & in imagination send her many messages
of sympathy & affection.

Believe me very truly yours

Isabella James